

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
February 11, 2014

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, AlanDoster, Jacquelyn Miller, Mike Tavlin, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Rick Hoppe (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Doug Emery arrived at 5:34 PM

Members Absent: Karla Lester and Michelle Petersen.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Steve Frederick, Scott Holmesand Elaine Severe.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. Moved by Mr. Tavlin that the January 14, 2014 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff are preparing proposed revisions to the Lincoln Municipal Code regarding swimming pools and spas – regulations and standards. Staff are holding meetings to seek input from the public before the changes are presented to the Board of Health.

Staff continue to work with the City and County Attorneys to draft proposed revisions to City and County policies regarding prohibiting the use of Electronic Cigarettes in City and County buildings. Information will be presented to the Board of Health in the near future.

The Board of Health will tour the Educare Center on Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Ms. Severe will contact Board members to determine their lunch selections.

Ms. Halstead reported Lt. Col. Craig Strong has been nominated by Mayor Beutler to serve on the Board of Health. His appointment will be presented to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for formal approval.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Acceptance of the 66th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Ms. Halstead presented the 66th Annual Report. The report is available on the Department's website and includes messages from Mayor Beutler, Board of Health President, Dr. Stark, and Ms. Halstead. The report includes statistical and program information for each of the Divisions.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health accept the 66th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Dental Expansion – 1st Year Summary

Ms. Meginnis provided information on the extended hours in the Dental Clinic. Through a grant from the Community Health Endowment, dental clinic hours were increased on Thursday evenings to primarily serve children. She reviewed the highlights including: 535 clients served, 96% were children, 71% were Medicaid enrolled and 69% were of racial and ethnic minorities. She also reviewed the annual report service statistics for the Dental Division.

B. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislation the Department is following. Bills of interest include: 1) LR400 – establishing the AccessNebraska Program; 2) LR422 – Transformation of Nebraska's health care system; 3) LB695 – Radon testing – child care centers; 4) LB711 – Contamination of property by clandestine drug labs; 5) LB786 – Emergency Contact Registry Act – providing powers and duties for the Department of Motor Vehicles; 6) LB807 – seatbelt usage and texting while driving – primary offenses; 7) LB812 – elimination of the inheritance tax; 8) LB860 - adopting health insurance requirements relating to dollar limits, preexisting conditions and dependents; 9) LB861 – banning the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors; 10) LB868 – prohibiting peace officers from

using government-issued equipment for private employment; 11) LB887 - Adopting the Wellness in Nebraska Act.; 12) LB960 – change inheritance tax Rates; and 13) LB1051 – Adopting the Public Health Leadership and Development Act. Ms. Halstead will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health.

C. Diabetes Supports for Poor & Uninsured Adults

Ms. Haberman provided an update on the Diabetes Program. She reviewed the list of partner organizations the Department works with on this project, the supports and supplies that are provided, and the glucometer strip program. She reported staff work with individuals to connect them to a primary care provider, help them apply for health insurance, provide transportation, assist them in self-management of their diabetes, and provide free or \$10.00 glucometer strips through a Community Health Endowment grant. The case management program has had successful outcomes including access to glucometer strips, health insurance application help, established care at People's Health Center, transportation, and economic assistance.

D. Integrated Health Services

Ms. Halstead provided information on the concept of integrated health care integrating primary and behavioral health services. She reviewed the various levels of collaboration noting in most cases, Lincoln is at Level 1. Levels include minimal collaboration, basic collaboration from a distance, basic collaboration on site, close collaboration partly integrated and fully integrated care. The local hospitals, health providers, Lutheran Family Services, Region V Behavioral Health, Community Health Endowment and the Health Department are working on this concept for our community. She will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – March 11, 2014 – 5:00 PM
Educare Site Visit – February 27, 2014 – 11:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President

